

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 5, 11-21, 39 and 42 under 35 U.S.C. §112, claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), and claims 3-5, 11-14, 15-17, 18-21, 39 and 42 under 35 U.S.C. §103. Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejections. However, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-5, 11-21, 39 and 42, with this Amendment.

The Office Action of December 1, 2003 indicates that remaining claims 6-10, 31-38, 40, 41, 43 and 44 are allowable. Applicants are grateful for the allowance of these claims. Cancellation of the claims is not an admission that Applicants agree with the reasons for rejection.

While Applicants do not believe that any fees are due or that any extensions of time are necessary in this matter, Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for any extensions of time that may be necessary. Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees that may be due, or to make any refund that is due, to Deposit Account No. 06-2425.

Respectfully submitted,

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